

REMARKS

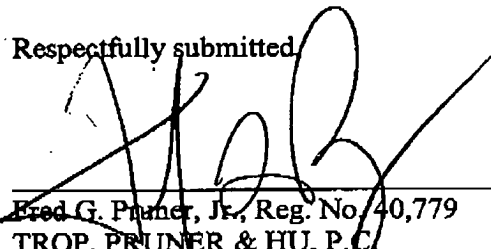
In this Supplemental Reply, claims 4-12, 15, 17, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 29-38, 42, 43, 48 and 49 have been cancelled, thereby leaving claims 1, 13, 14, 21, 27, 39-41, 44, 45, 50, 51 and 53 in the application. Claims 39-41, 44, 45, 50 and 51 have been allowed by the Examiner.

Regarding the remaining claims, the limitations of dependent claims 12, 34, 36, 38 and 49 have been incorporated into independent claims 1, 14, 21, 27 and 46. Thus, effectively, dependent claims 12, 34, 36, 38 and 49 have been rewritten into independent form. Because the Examiner states that these dependent claims are allowable if rewritten in independent form, allowance of claims 1, 14, 21, 27 and 46 is requested for at least this reason. It is noted that the amendments presented in these claims do not require any further consideration and/or search from the Examiner. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 1 (i.e., the independent version of claim 12) instead of claim 12, as claim 12 is now cancelled. Claim 32 has been rewritten independent form as new claim 53. Because the Examiner states that claim 32 is allowable if rewritten in independent form, allowance of newly-added claim 53 is requested.

A one month extension fee is believed due. Therefore, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the one month extension fee and any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0084US).

Respectfully submitted,

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